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## **Smokejumper Obituary**

### **Crosby, Harold Gene (McCall 1953)**

Gene, 82, died July 13, 2014, in Boise, Idaho. He was a graduate of Oklahoma State University and jumped at McCall 1953-54, 57-59.

Gene brought a plane while at OSU and later worked as a seasonal pilot for the USFS. Gene also flew for the Johnson Air Company flying mail and hunters into the backcountry. His next job was in Boise, Idaho, working for Joe Albertson, as his co-pilot, flying him around the country as the grocery store chain expanded.

Gene got an award for flying one million miles without an accident, quite a feat with a single engine plane over mountainous terrain. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army from 1954 to 1957.

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